

Where Workers Can Get Help

Information About Lead in the Workplace

Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OLPPP)

Occupational Health Branch
California Department of Health Services (CDHS)

OLPPP provides information on lead in the workplace, and educational and training materials to workers, employers and health professionals in California.

Write to:

OLPPP/OHB/CDHS
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901
Oakland, CA 94612

Call (510) 622-4332 for assistance or to request specific lead education and training materials. Leave a message in English or Spanish and a staff person will get back to you.

Information is also available on the website: www.dhs.ca.gov/ohb

Childhood lead poisoning issues:

Contact the **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch** of the California Department of Health Services at (510) 622-5006 or visit its website, www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead.

OR

Call your **local county health department** (see government pages in the front of your phone book).

Information About Other Workplace Hazards

Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS)

Occupational Health Branch
California Department of Health Services and
California Department of Industrial Relations

Provides information on workplace health hazards to workers, employers and health professionals in California.

HESIS – Telephone Response System (TRS)
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901
Oakland, CA 94612

Call (510) 622-4317 for information about hazards in the workplace.

Call (510) 622-4328 to order specific HESIS publications.

Information is also available on the website: www.dhs.ca.gov/ohb

National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH)

Toll-free hot line for information on workplace hazards: (800) 356-4674;
website: www.cdc.gov/niosh; Spanish website: www.cdc.gov/spanish/niosh

State of California University-Based Occupational and Environmental Health Clinics

Many doctors do not have experience in treating patients with lead poisoning or other work-related health problems. Workers and their doctors who want to contact experts in **lead-related health effects** and other occupational and environmental health problems can contact the following clinics.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Irvine

Center for Occupational and
Environmental Health
University of California, Irvine
5201 California Ave., Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92612
(949) 824-8641
Contact: Mary Koebler, RN, COHN

Los Angeles Area

UCLA Occupational/Env. Medicine Clinic
University of California, Los Angeles
100 UCLA Medical Plaza, Suite 723
Los Angeles, CA 90024-7027
(310) 794-8144
Contact: Phillip Harber, MD

Drew University of Medicine and Science
The Environmental Research Center
1731 East 120th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90059
(800) 351-5323
Contact: Maria Diaz

San Diego

Occupational Health Center
University of California, San Diego
330 Lewis Street, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92103
(619) 471-9210
Contact: Pamela Burdt, RN, NP

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco Bay Area

University of California, San Francisco
Occupational Health Services
2380 Sutter, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 885-7892
Contact: Erin Anderson, NP

Sacramento Area

Occupational Medicine Clinic
University of California, Davis
Temporary Location:
One Shield Ave. (T.B. 168)
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 754-7635 for appointments only
(530) 752-1281 for consultation
Contact: Sophia Owens

For a complete list of independent occupational and environmental health clinics contact:

Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics

1010 Vermont Ave., N. W., Suite 513

Washington, D.C. 20005

Toll free: (888) 347-2632 ; OR: (202) 347-4976

website: www.aoec.org

Workplace Health and Safety Regulations

California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, also known as Cal/OSHA California Department of Industrial Relations

Cal/OSHA enforces workplace health and safety regulations, including the lead regulations, in California. If you think that you have a lead hazard or other health and safety hazard at your job and would like to request an inspection or obtain further information, you can call Cal/OSHA. Your complaint will be kept confidential. **For information or to file a confidential complaint with Cal/OSHA, contact one of the Cal/OSHA offices listed below.** Information is also available on its website: www.dir.ca.gov. For a web-based complaint form you can mail or fax, go to: www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/WorkersPage.htm.

Cal/OSHA office locations and telephone numbers in California:

OFFICE	LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Headquarters:	455 Golden Gate Ave., 10th Floor, San Francisco 94102	(415) 703-5100
Northern California		
Concord	1465 Enea Circle, Bldg. E., Suite 900, Concord 94520	(925) 602-6517
Foster City	1065 East Hillsdale Blvd, Suite 110, Foster City 94404	(650) 573-3812
Fremont/San Jose	39141 Civic Center Drive, Suite 310, Fremont 94538	(510) 794-2521
Oakland	1515 Clay Street, Suite 1301, Oakland 94612	(510) 622-2916
Sacramento	2424 Arden Way, Suite 165, Sacramento 95825	(916) 263-2800
San Francisco	455 Golden Gate Ave., Suite 1524, San Francisco 94102	(415) 703-5210
Santa Rosa	1221 Farmers Lane, Suite 300, Santa Rosa 95405	(707) 576-2388
Central California		
Fresno	2550 Mariposa Street, Room 4000, Fresno 93721	(559) 445-5302
Modesto	1209 Woodrow Ave., Suite C-4, Modesto 95350	(209) 576-6260
Southern California		
Anaheim	2100 E. Katella Ave., Suite 140, Anaheim 92806	(714) 939-0145
Los Angeles	320 West 4 th Street, Room 850, Los Angeles 90013	(213) 576-7451
Monrovia/Pico Rivera	750 Royal Oaks Drive, Suite 104, Monrovia 91016	(626) 256-7913
San Bernardino	464 West 4 th Street, Suite 332, San Bernardino 92401	(909) 383-4321
San Diego	7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 207, San Diego 92108	(619) 767-2280
Torrance/ South Bay	680 Knox Street, Suite 100, Torrance 90502	(310) 516-3734
Van Nuys	6150 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 405, Van Nuys 91401	(818) 901-5403
Ventura	1655 Mesa Verde Ave., Room 150, Ventura 93003	(805) 654-4581
West Covina	1906 W. Garvey Ave. South, Suite 200, West Covina 91790	(626) 472-0046

Federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration (Fed/OSHA)

Has jurisdiction over employees of the federal government, and on U.S. properties, and maritime employees.

For information or to file a complaint, call: (800) 475-4019 OR

Visit the OSHA Internet Worker Page: www.osha.gov/as/opa/worker

Spanish Worker Page: www.osha.gov/as/opa/spanish

Environmental Regulations

Most environmental regulations are stricter than occupational health regulations. Steps taken to lower environmental emissions may help to lower workplace exposures. You may want to contact your county Environmental Health Department or the Air Resources Board office in Sacramento for more information. See the county and state government sections near the front of the telephone book for the address and telephone numbers.

Other Lead Information

The **National Lead Information Center toll free hotline**, (800) 532-3394 (1-800-LEAD-FYI), provides people through out the U.S. with information about lead poisoning prevention. Persons calling the hotline can request an information packet on how to protect children from lead poisoning in English or Spanish. The hotline is designed to provide basic information to the general public. Information is also available on the website: www.epa.gov/lead/nlic.htm.

The **National Lead Information Center** also operates a **Clearinghouse** designed to provide more in-depth, technical and non-technical information on lead-related issues. The Clearinghouse is available through a toll-free number, (800) 424-5323, which is staffed by information specialists who can provide answers to specific questions.

Lead-Related Construction Training Certification

Lead Accreditation and Certification Unit, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch of the California Department of Health Services.

This state government program is responsible for providing training certification for lead-related construction in categories of worker, supervisor (contractor), inspector/assessor, project monitor and designer. It also accredits (approves) the training programs. **For information on how to become certified, a list of current accredited training programs, or a list of certified individuals** contact them at:

1515 Clay Street, Suite 1801, Box C
Oakland, CA 94612

Information Line: (800) 597-5323
Outside California: (510) 622-5000

Information is also available on their website at: www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead.

Labor Unions

AFL-CIO

Has a workplace health and safety section on its website with a variety of topics for workers including safety and health rights, how to file an OSHA complaint, safety and health factsheets and links to other health and safety sites. Visit:

www.aflcio.org/yourjobeconomy/safety

Labor Organizations

Many unions have important health and safety materials related to specific jobs. Look in the Yellow Pages of the phone book under "Labor Organizations." If the *local union office* for your job does not have the materials you need, ask them to put you in touch with the *international union office*, which may have additional resources.

State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

For information about health and safety in the building and construction trades.

921 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 443-3302

Worker Training, Workplace Health and Safety and Workers' Rights – Local Groups

WORKSAFE!

Provides technical assistance and advice on occupational health and safety issues for California workers.

email: worksafe@worksafe-cosh.org (for quickest response)

(510) 302-1071 Fax: (510) 835-4913 - "Attn: Fran"

c/o San Francisco Central Labor Council

1188 Franklin Street, Suite 203

San Francisco, CA 94109

website: www.worksafe.org

Labor Occupational Health Program, University of California, Berkeley

Provides training, publications, films, and technical assistance on occupational health and safety issues for Northern California.

2223 Fulton Street, 4th floor

Berkeley, CA 94720

(510) 642-5507

Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program, Univ. of California, Los Angeles

Provides training, publications, films, and technical assistance on occupational health and safety issues for Southern California.

6350 B Public Policy Building, Box 951478

Los Angeles, CA 90095-1478

(310) 794-5964

Worker Training, Workplace Health and Safety and Workers' Rights – Local Groups, con't.

Southern California Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (SoCal COSH)

Provides training, information and advice on health and safety issues.

c/o UCLA Labor Center
P.O. Box 951478
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1478
(310) 206-0860
email: socalcosh@yahoo.com

Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health (SCCOSH):

Provides training, information and advice on health and safety issues.

760 North First Street, 2nd Floor
San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 998-4050

Workers' Compensation / Personal Injury Information

If you suffer from a work-related illness or injury you are eligible for workers' compensation benefits and medical care. In addition, you may also have a reason to file a lawsuit.

Information about your right to workers' compensation benefits and medical care:

Workers' Compensation Office

To locate the address and telephone number of the Workers' Compensation office nearest you, look in the state government section near the front of the telephone book under "**California State of, Industrial Relations Department of, Division of Workers' Compensation, Information and Assistance**" or call (800) 736-7401.

Information is also available on the website: www.dir.ca.gov.

Private Attorney

You may also want to contact a workers' compensation lawyer and a personal injury lawyer to make sure you are informed of all of your legal rights regarding work-related health problems.

To obtain the names of **workers' compensation attorneys** in your area call (800) 648-3132.

To obtain the names of **personal injury attorneys** in your area, call your county Bar Association lawyer referral service. Look under "Lawyer Referral Service" or "Bar Association" in your local phone book.

State Enforcement Agency for Your Legal Rights Regarding Employment, Wrongful Firings, Discrimination

State Labor Commissioner

If you believe that you are not being treated in accordance with your employment rights, you may file a complaint with the State Labor Commissioner. You will be advised of your rights and obligations, and will be provided assistance in preparing your complaint.

To locate the address and telephone number of the office nearest you, look in the state government section near the front of the telephone book under **“California State of, Industrial Relations Department of, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement,”** or write / call:

455 Golden Gate Avenue, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 703-5300

Legal Representation - Workers' Rights, Employment Rights, Wrongful Firings, Discrimination

Employment Law Unit at the Legal Aid Foundation, Los Angeles

Provides legal representation and counsel to day labor workers about employment rights and workplace related complaints.

(213) 487-3320 or (323) 964-7900

Employment Law Center, San Francisco

Offers free legal advice to workers on health and safety, discrimination and other employment issues in Spanish and English.

600 Harrison Street, Suite 120
San Francisco, CA 94107
(415) 864-8848

Asian Law Caucus

Provides free legal assistance to Asian workers.

720 Market St., Room 500
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 896-1701

Chinese for Affirmative Action

Provides assistance and referrals for Asian workers on legal rights and other workplace issues.

17 Walter U. Lum Place
San Francisco, CA 94108
(415) 274-6750

Legal Representation - Workers' Rights, con't.

Instituto Laboral de la Raza

Provides assistance and referrals for Spanish-speaking and other workers on legal rights and other workplace issues.

2947 16th Street,
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 431-7522

For legal help regarding employment issues in other areas of California

Look in your local phone book under:

"Legal Aid Society"
"Lawyer Referral Service" or
"Bar Association"